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A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449.

The accompanying references relate generally to optical devices which may be useful for medical purposes, generally known to the state of the art.

The instant U.S. patent application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/GB99/02510, filed July 30, 1999, and claims foreign priority on the basis of a United Kingdom patent application filed August 13, 1998.

Of the foregoing references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement, the "effective" filing dates of the

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1. Larsen et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,163,715, issued December 19, 2000;
2. Bernreuter, U.S. Patent No. 6,226,540, issued May 1, 2001;
3. Aldrich, U.S. Patent No. 6,397,093, issued May 28, 2002;
4. Khalil et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,526,298, issued February 25, 1993;
5. Khalil et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,662,031, issued December 9, 2003; and,
6. Larsen et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/00055773 A1, published July 17, 2001.

The six references listed above are not "admitted" prior art, because the references are based upon continuation-in-part applications, the parent applications of which might not contain subject matter relevant to Applicant's claimed invention, and would not otherwise qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The six enumerated references are provided to the Examiner for "informational" purposes only and for completeness of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Further, Haaland, U.S. Patent No. 6,415,233, issued July 2, 2002, recites a non-provisional application U.S. filing date of March 3, 2000, and a U.S. provisional application filing date of March 4, 1999. Haaland does not qualify as §102(e) prior art on the basis of its non-provisional filing date of March 3, 2000, and its provisional filing date of March 4, 1999, is subsequent to Applicant's priority claim of August 13, 1998. The content of the Haaland provisional patent application is also unknown and, consequently, Haaland, U.S. Patent No. 6,415,233, is not "admitted" prior art, notwithstanding Applicant's priority claim, against the instant Applicant and provided to the Examiner for solely informational purposes.

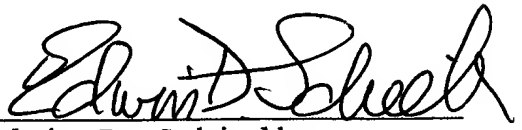
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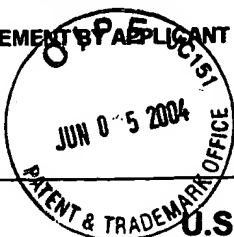
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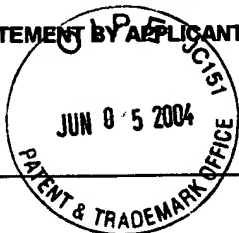
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